Finley Robertson 8SV has lots to be proud of.

He is working hard and doing well in school, he is well mannered, kind and considerate and he is a Performing Arts Bursary student. But he is most proud of his mum Chris. When she was diagnosed with a major illness a few years ago Finley says “she has not let if get her down, she has been very poorly but has always tried to keep busy and help other people”. Chris asked if Mr Tinsley and the Sixth Form Health and Social Care group could help her prepare a display for the Paxton Surgery Patient Group. The display was to raise the profile of all kinds of cancers but most importantly how crucial it is to catch these things early. Well done Chris for working so hard on the display and thank you to Mr Tinsley and his students for all their help.

Finley Robertson Well Done Mum!

The Norwood School New Logo

We are very proud to be launching our new website with a new logo this spring. The new website will be far more easy to navigate, will have all the information you should require at your fingertips and will have regularly updated news and notices of forthcoming events. Let us know what you think of post@thenorwoodschool.org

Important Dates to Remember

**Sixth Form Recruitment Fair**
Thursday January 21st 11.30 – 3.00
(Yr 10 and 11 and selected Yr 9s) School closed to Yr 7/8 and selected Yr 9 from 12.40 pm.

Parents Evenings
Year 11 - 21 January
Year 9 - 4th February
Year 10 - 14th April
Year 7 - 28th April.

Did you have a great first term Yr 7? Miss Bryan the Head teacher of St Luke’s Primary School visited us one sunny morning last term to see how students from her school had settled into Norwood.

Mukhtar Samura 7EBR, pictured here on the left said that he told her “it has been an awesome term. I love it here! My best bits have been making new friends, having new lessons like Science, Dance and Technology and having assemblies with my tutor group. Miss was very proud of how well we are doing and how hard we are trying. I want her to come back in a few years time when I finish in the Sixth Form and see me collect my brilliant A Level results!”

Happy New Year to All Our Readers

I cannot believe that it is 10 years since I joined Norwood as its new headteacher. In the last decade our school has changed beyond all recognition from a once unpopular, underachieving girls’ school to the successful, oversubscribed co-educational 11-19 community school that it is today. We are all so incredibly proud of this transformation and are determined to build upon our achievements to ensure that Norwood students and staff always have the best opportunities available to them.

Norwood is a very good school on a journey to becoming a great one. We are ambitious for our staff, students and parents. Last term we developed a vision for the school in 2020 to ensure our progress. We believe that by building on and developing the strengths that have made this school unrecognisable from what it once was, Norwood can again be transformed for the better into something unrecognisable from what it is today. Our strategic aims fall into 4 categories.

Achievement: Norwood is a school that never gives up on its pupils. We want it also to be one the pupils feel invests in them to the best prepare them for life beyond school. We believe that by building on and developing the strengths that have made this school unrecognisable from what it once was, Norwood can again be transformed for the better into something unrecognisable from what it is today. Our strategic aims fall into 4 categories.

Quality: Through excellent teaching, an engaging curriculum, and a personalised learning experience, students will be independent, happy individuals with a sense of community, civic responsibility and a thirst for learning. Our bespoke learning experiences will extend to our staff through a comprehensive continuing professional development programme, that attracts and retains high quality staff with a passion for their subject and a thirst for improvement.

Norwood will be a centre of excellence for cutting edge teaching.

Capacity: Continuity of teaching staff and continuity of pupils’ education is vital for students to achieve beyond expectations. By 2020 we will have extended Norwood to include an additional form within the senior school. If we think it will advantage our students, and an oversubscribed and vibrant 6th form. A responsibly managed school budget will be supported by additional outside funding sources to enrich pupils’ learning experiences further. Opportunities for community engagement will increase. By 2020 our facilities will be shared with the local community to offer educational, artistic, cultural and sporting opportunities for all.

Creativity: Norwood School will encourage originality, flexibility and innovation. This will be evident in our ethos, curriculum, teaching and learning practices. Norwood will be a centre of excellence for performing and visual arts education and creativity.

Our community will appreciate, enjoy and maximise the cultural diversity, heritage and artistic and sporting activities that the City of London provides through high quality, sport, art and innovative provision. A lifelong passion for the Arts will be evident in our students, staff, alumni and community as active participants and discriminating spectators.

As a member and friend of our school community I do hope your ambitions match ours and that you support us in our commitment to secure and sustain a first class education for our students.

Best wishes
Denise Webster
Head Teacher
SIXTH FORM 2016

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As usual, many of us have been busy fundraising for many worthy causes last term. It is always important to us here – especially at this time of year when the bitter cold starts to bite and we think even more about so many people who are far less fortunate than ourselves. The term started with the haunting images of all those desperate to flee conflict and persecution - boatloads of refugees risking everything for the chance of a better life. We raised almost £700 for The British Red Cross this term to help in their efforts to support the refugees and have taken a huge collection of blankets, clothing, shoes and tents to ‘Collection for Refugees’ who will be taking your donated items onto the refugee camps in Calais. A Christmas collection from our clothes day went to support the homeless charity Crisis.

www.calaid.co.uk
www.redcross.org.uk
www.crisis.org.uk

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Winston Churchill

As a school it is always important to have strong community connections and ensure that we represent the school in an exemplary manner.

Back in September – the prefects met with Jo Clayton – the Chair of the Friends of Tivoli Park group. A local resident and parent with a young child – she was concerned that there didn’t seem to be anywhere for older children to socialise at the end of the school day and explained that sometimes groups of older children can be intimidating to the little ones. Having met her at the park, we decided that it would be a good idea to help the friends raise money for additional seating for older children by the basketball court. Half of the Own Clothes Day fundraising at the end of term will be donated to the project. For more info or if you want to join the group email tivoliparkfriends@gmail.com

Sarrah Boukheroufa

A Senior Prefect and a student with responsibility for Charity Fundraising and Community Links explains how and why it is so important that we understand and learn about current affairs.

‘Along with the weekly news reports that Ms Brickell organises and the reflections from Mr Issaka – tutors have been helping us try to recognise, understand and come to terms with many of the incredibly important issues that we face in today’s complex world.

I suppose that the personal stories have been those that have resonated the most and seem to be the driving force behind mobilising the support of my peers.

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The shocking news from Paris in November threw us all, and our hearts and thoughts are still with the families of those who lost their lives or who have been forever scarred by their terrifying ordeal.

The moment of silence that we took part in – in some way – showed our solidarity for peace and freedom. When you look in the Quran there is no mention of killing innocent citizens and it frustrates and upsets me that these atrocities are carried out in the name of Islam. It only seems to generate more hate and discrimination. Living in London – we take it for granted that we are accepting of one another’s religious beliefs but it is so sad that this just isn’t the case in many countries around the world.’

Sarrah continues…..

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Thank you to everyone who baked and a big thank you to all of you who bought every single last crumb!

www.macmillan.org.uk

West Norwood and Brixton Food Bank

Thank you to everyone for donating so much to the food bank collection that we took to St Luke’s Church just before Christmas.

www.macmillan.org.uk

www.norwoodbriston.foodbank.org.uk

I AM A MUSLIM – I AM AGAINST TERRORISM.'
This year’s festival was the biggest so far. And what a week it was with over 12,000 children waltzing, tiptoeing, break-dancing and sometimes somersaulting onto stages all over the nation. With over 100 performance nights in just 6 days it’s was a whirlwind journey for everyone including our very own cast of Macbeth!

‘We worked so hard and were all so proud to be able to perform in a proper professional theatre’, said William in YR 10. ‘It was quite nerve-wracking to start with but we took it all in our stride and really enjoyed the whole experience!’

Thank you to Mr Waro and Mr Tinsley for updating us all on some of our most recent sporting achievements.

Davisha

You haven’t been fired!

Congratulations to Davisha Callendar for getting through to the finals of the European Enterprise Challenge. Following gruelling knock out rounds, starting with the summer school at the end of Yr 10 last year that saw Rosie Curran Crawley, Shane Whitely also do incredibly well – Davisha went on to represent South London Schools in Budapest in November. As well as a product development visit to Sussex University planned for February – Davisha is busy fundraising to raise the £2,000 needed to take the team to the final in New York at Easter. ‘It will take more than a few bake sales to raise that kind of money’ she said – ‘if there are any local businesses out there who would like to help sponsor me – then that would be great! We will be selling advertising space in the Easter Newsletter that goes out to almost 4,000 parents, primary and secondary school children in the local area – so it’s a great way to advertise’. To buy advertising space in our next newsletter or to donate contact evans.v@thenorwoodschool.org

Mr Jones has already made a donation!